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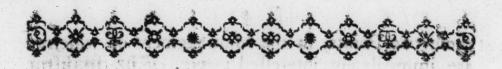
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### Affociates of the late Dr BRAY.

KENNES HE ASSOCIATES of the late Reverend Dr BRAY, beg Leave to represent to the Public the Nature of the Defigns in which they are engaged, and to point out their beneficial Tendency; hoping that among the various Schemes calculated for promoting the common Good, Theirs also may be allowed some Merit, and, when rightly understood; be thought worthy of the favourable Regard of all

generous and well-disposed Christians.

Praise given to a public-spirited Man is not only Matter of Justice, but of public Utility: His History carries along with it a moral Lesson, and the Justice done to his Memory gives Encouragement to the like Virtues: His Example must one way or other affect all, for whom it cannot instruct it will upbraid. On this Head we could speak much to the Praise of Dr Bray, as a Person most eminent and exemplary in his Age for a truly Apostolical Zeal, as the Projector or Promoter of almost \* every Scheme for the Propagation and Improvement of Christianity. But it is sufficient for our present Purpose to consider only

<sup>·</sup> See Public Spirit illustrated, in the Life and Defigns of Dr Brug.

those two Points, in the Man agement of whichwe are immediately interested: viz. The making Provision for Parochial Libraries, and for the Conversion of the Negroes in the British Plantations.

In the Year 1696, Dr Bray was called out by the Bishop of London, and appointed Commissary of Maryland, for the Establishment and better Regula-

tion of Church Affairs in that Province.

Whilst he was engaged in this Employment, the first Thing that occurred to his Thoughts were the Difficulties and Discouragements under which the Clergy in that Country laboured, and the Means by which they might be removed or lessened: He confidered that a competent Provision of Books was abfolutely necessary, and that for want of these the End of their Mission was often disappointed. Accordingly his first Attempt was to remedy this Defect: He represented the State of the Case to the English Bishops, desiring their Assistance and Encouragement in procuring Parochial Libraries for the Use of the Missionaries. His Endeavours met with great Success: many Libraries were founded, not only in Maryland, but also in many other Provinces on the Continent, and even in some of the American Mands, and the Factories in Africa, and in the East Indies: and their Preservation was infured by folemn Acts of Affembly.

While he was thus busied in soliciting Benefactions for establishing Libraries in the Plantations, he often met with Answers to this Effect: That we had poor Cures and poor Ministers enough in Englan, and that Charity should begin at home. The Doctor, zealous to do Good in every Way, took Advantage of this Disposition, and improved it to the good Purpose of founding Parochial Libraries in

England.

This Scheme also met with Encouragement. Many Libraries were founded in several Dioceses of this Kingdom Kingdom: and by public Authority Provision was made for their Security and Preservation. An Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of Queen Anne, entitled, An Act for the better Preservation of Parachial L'b arise in that Pa t of Great Britain tailed England. For this Depositum every Incumbent is made accountable to his Ordinary: the Possession is moreover secured from Milapplication or Embezzlement by a parliamentary Provision.

The Expediency of this Benefaction is too obvious

to need any laboured Proof.

By Mr Eston's Computation, made upon the Return of Small Livings to be discharged from First-Fruits and Tenths, it appeared that the Number qualified to receive the Queen's Bounty was near Six thousand, of which there are still Three thousand under Forty Pounds a Year. Now it is evident that the Incumbents of such poor Livings must necessarily labour under a Want of Books, the ordinary Means of Knowledge; and we need not point out the bad Effect of such Want with regard to the People committed to their Care; the Case of both is truly pitiable, and calls for our charitable Assistance.

The Associates have no certain Fund for the Support of this laudable Design: it hath however been carried on to the great Advantage of many Parishes, by the voluntary Contributions of some pious Benefactors. And in Confidence that when the Nature of it is more universally known they will meet with greater Encouragement, they beg Leave to acquaint the Public, that there is a Repository for Donations of this kind under the Sanction of an Act of Parliament, and to assure them, that they who are invested with the Trust, are careful to make the most proper Application of every Benefaction that comes to their Hands. And as they are bold to represent their Wants, so they would humbly propose a Means of Supply, which they conceive will be found obvi-

ous and eafy. They want Books; - Of what Kind? And for what End? They want not a complete Collection, or Books for Ornament or Curiofity, but Books for Necessity and Use: Books of useful Knowledge in any of the common Branches of Learning, but more especially in Divinity, will be thankfully accepted. They take the Liberty to apply in this public manner to those Gentlemen who have large Libraries, defiring them to confider how eafily, out of their Abundance, the present Exigency may be Supplied. Have they a Duplicate of any good Book? -Have they an Edition less valuable? Have they Parts of Works imperfect, or any odd Volumes?— All these, which they esteem of little Value, and often throw away, would here be applied to good Purpose; and they would become Benefactors to the Public at a small Expence to themselves. If this Consideration had its due Weight, and the Superfluities of the greater Libraries were transferred into this Repository, out of the Variety of Books of different Kinds thus gradually collected, very useful Parochial Libraries might be formed; and Dr Bray's Affociates would in the best manner thank their Benefactors, by making a proper Application of the Benefit.

It is to be observed, that the Libraries are of two

Kinds;

1. The Fixed Parochial Library, originally intended for the immediate Use of the Minister; for the Preservation of which Provision is made by Act of Parliament. See APPENDIX, No 1.

11. The Lending Library, intended for the Use of the neighbouring Clergy as well as of the Minister.

As the Benefit of this latter is more extensive, the Associates think themselves more especially interested in promoting this Scheme, and securing it from every Abuse: With this View they have drawn up a Set

a Set of Rules which are published, and submitted to the Reader's Judgment. See Appendix, No I.

As they make their Application to the Public for the farther Encouragement of this Undertaking, they think themselves obliged to give an Account of the Progress they have made in this Branch of their Designs, which the Reader will find in the APPENDIX.

By this Account it will appear that the Associates have done fome Good, to fay the least, with their slender Stock. If that Good should be thought inconsiderable, it should also be remembred that it was all they were able to do; and it is hoped that they who wish well to the Design will be disposed to relieve that Inability, which no religious Man can look upon without some Concern.

With Regard to the other Branch of their Trust, —The Conversion of the Negroes in the Britil Dientations, — the Case stands as followeth.— DrBray had, by the many known Instances of his Zeal for the Propagation of Christianity, recommended himself to the Esteem of Mr D' Alone, private Secretary to King William. This pious Gentleman bequeathed a certain Proportion of his Estate to Doctor Bray and his Affociates, towards ereding a Cavital Fund or Stock for Converting the Megroes in the British Plantations. This Bequest amounted to the neat Sum of Nine hundred Pounds, and was immediately vested in South Sea Annuities. By a Feoffment made by Dr Bray before his Death, as well as the Tenor of his Last Will, this Trust was devolved on the Associates: and their Authority was farther confirmed by a Decree in Chancery, 1731.

Out of the Interest of this Fund an annual Stipend was paid for several Years towards the Support of a Catechist to teach the Negroes in Georgia: But the strong Prejudices which adult Negroes retain in fa-

your of their own Superstition, the lively Refentment they feel for the Lofs of their Liberty and native Country, and the continual Labours they are forced to undergo, together with their intire Ignorance of our Language, proved almost insuperable Obstacles to their Instruction; hereupon the Associates finding their Endeavours in this Way ineffectual, thought it adviseable to turn their Attention to the Instruction of the Negroe Children, who being born and educated in our Colonies, and understanding our Language, may as eafily be taught the great Truths of our holy Religion as white Children of the same Age, and where it might be reasonably hoped that the good Seed sown will take deep Root, and in due Time, with God's Bleffing, bring forth a plentiful Harvest. With this View Schools for Negroe Children have been opened in different Provinces of America, under the Care and Inspection of worthy Persons, who have charitably engaged to fee that the Children be properly instructed in the Principles of true Religion. and that the great and necessary Duties of Obedience and Fidelity to their Masters, Humility and Contentedness with their Condition, be duly impressed on their Minds.

The good Success they have met with in this Attempt, and the Proficiency which the Children have made in the Schools already opened, so far as it hath been notified to the Associates (see Appendix, No II.) have determined them to proceed in augmenting their Number, with all the Expedition that the Nature of the Undertaking will admit of; not in the least doubting but the good Providence of God will furnish them with Supplies in Proportion to their Exigencies. The Object of their Care is very extensive \* as well as important, and requires much greater Aids than they are able to contribute. Their Dependence

The Negroes in the British Plantations, on a moderate Computation, amount to near half a Million.

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Dependence therefore must be on the Public, to whose Consideration they offer their Scheme, imploring them to give it the Encouragement it merits \*.

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\* The strict Obligation we are under to embrace every Opportunity of spreading the Knowledge and Instuence of the Gospel, but more especially among the Negroes in our Plantations, is thus excellently illustrated by a very learned and judicious Prelate.

"To illustrate the Ground and Force of this Obligation, by a " fimilar Instance; Let us suppose an infallible Remedy against an " epidemical Disease, from which no Part of the World is at any "Time absolutely free, and by which some Parts are at different " Times almost depopulated; let us suppose, I say, such a Remedy to be specially revealed to any single Person, with a plain Inti-" mation, that though he was first in the Possession of the Disco-" very for his own Use, yet that it was imparted to him for the 4 Preservation of all, to whom he had an Opportunity of commu-" nicating the Benefit: Suppose further, that, notwithstanding this "Intimation, and his being thus trusted with the Means of restor-" ing Health and Strength to Thousands, he should either hide the falutary Medicine without making any Use of it at all, or or only apply it to the Recovery of those who happened to be " nearly connected with him by Relation, Neighbourhood, or Friendship; when it was actually in his Power, without any " Difficulty or Inconvenience to himself, to communicate the "Cure to Multitudes, who lay at a remote Distance from him; "Would it not be a just and suitable Punishment to deprive him of the Benefit of his own infallible Remedy, when it was most wanted by himself?

"Now God, in the Gospel, hath revealed to us the only Remedy that can deliver us from those universal Diseases to which
all, who partake of human Nature, are alike subject. Here the
Nature of the Remedy itself shews us, that God designed the
Cure to be as extensive as the Case against which it is provided:
The Will of God thus made known to us, lays us under a strict
and formal Obligation, to embrace every Opportunity of spreading the Benefit of that Knowledge, which instructs us what we

" are to do, in order to obtain everlasting Life.

What is it then that this Obligation calls us to do? Is it any thing more, than to imitate that Divine Goodness, by which we ourselves are saved; and to secure our own eternal Happiness more effectually, by informing others of the sure Means of obtaining it? Is it any thing more, than what the natural Suggestions of a benevolent Mind prompt us to perform; and the Pleasure that springs from the Performance immediately rewards? Is there any just Ground to complain of our being obliged to do this,

The Associates cannot help anticipating the good Effects of this Institution: They encourage themselves with a well-grounded Persuasion, that what is
now begun on the foot of Charity, will soon be
carried

"this, or any Colour of Excuse for not doing it? Is it an un"reasonable burdensone Task, to refresh with the Day-spring from
"on high those who sit in Darkness and the Shadow of Death; and,
by administring this Comfort, to guide their Feet into the Ways of
Peace? Is it a mean Employment to be Fellow-Workers with
God, in forwarding the gracious Purposes of infinite Mercy?
God, without doubt, could diffuse the Light of the Gospel over
the Face of the whole Earth, with the same Swiftness, that Light
itself is propagated. But we should reflect, that if our Endeavours to spread it, by the Use of those Means and Opportunities
which he affords for that Purpose, were no more required than
they are really wanted, we should be deprived of one of the most
effectual Ways of working out our own Salvation.

"The Obligations I have been urging lead me to take particular Notice of one Case. It is indeed a very extensive and important one, for it expresses a total Inattention to these folemn Obligations, and gives a just Concern to all true Christians, by occasion-

" ing the Name of Christ to be evil spoken of.

"The Proprietors of Slaves in our American Settlements, those of them I mean from whom the Offence cometh, must be presumed to act upon some such Reasoning as this—that their Slaves are their Property by Right of Purchase, and as they were purchased, that their Bodies might be employed in the Service of their Purchasers, they have no Concern with their Souls, and

" therefore are not obliged to take any Care of them.

"This is a Plea, of which no human Court of Judicature can take Cognizance; but the evangelical Law of Kindness, hath, in the clearest and strongest Terms decided upon it, that it is an Excuse which will heighten our Condemnation. The immortal Part of us is a Property which we cannot transfer to another; it hath but one Master, that is God; it is subject to no Slavery but that of Sin, and to redeem it from that Slavery, the Son of God himself paid the Price of its Redemption. In this the Slave, whom we buy in the Market, hath as much a Share as the Purchasers, however we may treat him like one of the Beasts that

"Is it confistent with a Law of Kindness to make so harsh a Use of an external Difference in Rank or Fortune, which can last but for a few Years, and which God, in making one Man

" to differ from another in the prefent Life, appointed for far other

" Purposes?

carried on by the Planters themselves on the foot of Expediency and common Utility, in Proportion as they feel the Benefit of the Experiment. And furely it is a Matter of Astonishment that a Christian Planter should deliberately choose to keep his Slaves in the Darkness of Heathenism and Brutality, rather than have them led into Civility of Manners and the Light of the Gospel. Is it not unaccountable that Men, who are notable for calculating every Advantage, should be so long influenced by Prejudices so ill-grounded,

"The Difference is now in our Favour; let our Slaves reap that Benefit from it, which God intended they should reap; if they " do not, the Difference will be fatally inverted hereafter, when

" they shall be comforted, and we tormented. "To guard against a Change, which when it once takes Place " will last for ever, let us administer to them the Comfort of know-" ing what good Things God hath laid up in Store for them, if "they act a right Part in that trying State of Labour, in which "God hath placed them under us By thus alleviating their hard Lot, and rendering it more eafy and supportable to them. we " shall gain an Advantage to ourselves: for it is the natural Effect " of fuch Instruction, to turn the Eye-Service of Slaves, into the " conscientious Diligence of Servants. If we are not sufficiently " actuated by the Spirit of the Gospel to be influenced by Motives " of Humanity, let prudential Reasons incline us to administer " this Christian Consolation to our Fellow Creatures, who are so " strictly our Property, and so absolutely in our Power, that no one " else can take upon him to help them, without our Leave and "Direction. For by this means a Branch of Commerce, which " carries with it a Reflection upon human Nature, and is founded " upon the Misery and Wretchedness of a large Part of Mankind, " will become subservient to the Purposes of Benevolence and the "Cause of Religion, from which it will derive the Bleffings of " Providence in return.

"The Slaves themselves, if they make a right Use of the inesti-" mable Benefit conferred upon them, may, in a future World, be " admitted into the glorious Liberty of the Sons of God Their "Owners will be honoured as Benefactors to Christianity: and sthe more they flourish and abound in Riches, the more they will " rife in a true and lasting Dignity of Character: for what Cha-" racter is equal to that of being in Favour with God and Man?" -See Bishop of Norwich's Sermon preached before The Incorporated

Society, &c. February 21, 1755.

so inconsistent with the Christian Character, and so contrary to the Rules of good Policy, as well as Piety? - But, if there be any Sense of Christianity, any Zeal for its Propagation, it is to be hoped that this Scheme of instituting Negroe Schools, as a Means in order to the End, will meet with due Encouragement. It behoves Men to consider what is the Will of God in this Case? but this seems to be sufficiently declared: "For if he that was born in a Man's " House, and he that was bought with his Money, must needs be circumcised under the Law, does not common Sense tell us that he ought to be bap-" tized under the Gospel?" Baptism is now the Seal of the Christian Covenant, substituted in the room of Circumcifion: The Reason or Obligation in one Case is the same as in the other. Why this Privilege should be denied to any Member of the Family, is hard to conceive; it might rather be imagined that every Master should be desirous to have his Slaves Christianized, in Point of Interest as well as Duty; inalmuch as Civility of Manners and Fidelity of Service, are the ordinary Effect of Christian Principles. It were indeed to be wished that every Planter would confider himself as a Patriarch, the Head of a large Family in a strange Land; And as he is placed in fimilar Circumstances, that he would look up to the Father of the Faithful, and from the Example of his Picty take a Rule for his Direction, while in his Reward he perceives a Motive for his Encouragement.



## APPENDIX.

#### Nº I.

#### RULES

FOR

The better Preservation of

## LIBRARIES.

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I. RULES prescribed by the AET of Parliament for the better Preservation of Parochial Libraries.

I. THAT the Orders and Rules of the Founders shall be observed and kept.

2. That every Incumbent is to enter into such Security by Bond, or otherwise, for the Preservation of the Library, and due Observance of the Rules and Orders, as the Ordinary shall think fit.

3. That the Libraries are to be visitable by the Ordinary or his Commissary, or Official, or such Persons as he shall appoint, or the Archdeacon, or his Official or Surrogate, by his Direction, who shall have free Access to the same, at any Time to be by them appointed.

4. That

4. That every Incumbent, Rector, Vicar, Minister, or Curate, shall make a Catalogue of all Books in such Libraries as shall be delivered to him, within Six Months after he shall receive such Library.

5. That the Minister, within Six Months after Admission, shall make a new Catalogue of all Books remaining or belonging to the Library, and shall sign the Catalogue; thereby acknowledging the Custody and Possession of the said Books, which Catalogue is to be delivered up to the Ordinary to be kept or registered in his Court.

6. That a Book is to be kept within the faid Library, for entring or registring Benefactions.

7. That upon the Death of any Incumbent the Library is to be locked up by the Churchwarden or Churchwardens, &c. and not opened till a new Minister be admitted.

8. That the Rules made by the Ordinary, together with the Donor of any Library, (if living) or after his Death by the Ordinary alone, besides such as the Donor shall judge sit to be observed, if not contrary to the Rules made by the Donor, shall be entered in a Book, to be kept for that Purpose in the said Library.

9. That Books in the Library shall not be alienable, nor any Book or Books hereafter given by any Benefactor, without Consent of the Ordinary, and then only when there is a Duplicate.

#### Remedy for Recovery of BOOKS Embezzled.

Action of Trover and Conversion may be brought in the Name of the Ordinary, and treble Damages may be recovered with Costs of Suit.

Search may be made by Warrant from a Justice of the Peace, and the Books found may be restored to the Library.

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II. RULES

- II. RULES prescribed by the Founders\*
  of Parochial Libraries for the better
  Preservation thereof.
- Library shall be placed, shall upon the Receipt of the said Library make and sign a Catalogue of all Books in the same, and shall send the Catalogue so signed to the Founders of Parochial Libraries, within a Month after the Receipt of the said Library.
- 2. That every future Incumbent of a Parish, where a Parochial Library is placed, shall, within Six Months after his Admission to the said Parish, make and sign a Catalogue of all the Books in the said Library, and shall send the Catalogue so signed to the Founders of Parochial Libraries.
- 3. That the present Incumbent and his Successors, where a Parochial Library shall be placed, shall, when required, give an Account to the Founders of the Additions made to the said Library.
- 4. That the faid Library shall be subject to the Visitation of the Founders, or any Person or Persons authorized by them.
- 5. That the Incumbent do not at any Time lend any Book or Books out of the faid Library.

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Earl of Thanet,

Lord Viscount Weymouth,

Lord Digby, and

Robert Nelson, Esq; &c.
Who not only affished Dr Brax in drawing up the Rules for the
Preservation of these Libraries, but also contributed largely towards

the carrying on both of this, and the other Branches of his Defign.

<sup>\*</sup> We are obliged to fay Founders, in justice to the Memory of several noble and worthy Personages, viz.

6. That if the faid Library is placed out of the Dwelling House of the Incumbent, there shall not above Six Books at a Time remain out of the Library.



- HI. RULES prescribed by the Affociates for the better Preservation of LENDING LIBRA-RIES founded by them.
- 1. THAT the Library founded at in the County of and Diocese of is intended to be a Lending Library for the Use and Benefit of such Clergymen as shall be nominated thereto by the Trustees hereaster named, and their Successors.
- 2. That the Reverend A. B. C. D. E. F. &c. be Trustees of the said Library.
- 3. That the faid Trustees do appoint some proper Person to be Librarian.
- 4. That the Trustees do sign a Catalogue of the Books, which Catalogue shall be lodged with the Librarian.
- 5. That each of the faid Trustees be desired to take a Copy of the said Catalogue.
- 6. That upon the Death, Removal to a distant Place, or Resignation of any one of the above named Trustees, the remaining Trustees, or a Majority of them, do, within the Space of Three Months, choose another Trustee.
- 7. That no Person whatsoever shall have the Use of this Library but such as are approved of by a major Part of the Trustees.

  8. That

- 8. That the Trustees do annually give to the Librarian a List of the Names of the Clergy, who shall be entitled to the Use of the Library for the ensuing Year, each of whom shall be allowed to take a Copy of the Catalogue.
- 9. That no Person be allowed to take a Book out of the said Library, unless he first deposit with the Librarian the Value of such Book, according to the Price sixed in the Founder's Catalogue; and that a Memorandum thereof shall be entered in a Book provided for that Purpose.
- 10. That such Deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees for the Benefit of the Library, unless the Book so borrowed be returned to the Library in good Condition; if an Octavo or Quarto in Three, if a Folio in Six Calendar Months.
- vhen required, give an Account to the Founders of any Additions made to this Library.
- 12. That the Library shall at all Times be subject to the Visitation of any of the Founders, or any Person or Persons authorized by them.
- of making such further Rules and Orders for the better Management and Preservation of this Library, as they shall judge proper.



The exactest Account that can at present be met with of the several Libraries sounded by Dr BRAY, both at Home and Abroad.

I. Of Libraries sent into AMERICA, and other Parts Abroad.

#### I. Into MARYLAND.

	No	of	Books.
	To Annapolis — — — —	-	1095
	To St Marys	_	314
	To Herring Creek	_	150
4	To South River — — —	_	109
	To North Saffafras	-	42
6	To King and Queen's Parish	-	196
7	To Christ Church, Calvert County -	_	42
	To All Saints — — — —	-	49
	To St Paul's, Calvert County	-	106
10	To Great Choptanck, Dorchester County	-	76
11	To St Paul's, Baltimore County	-	42
12	To Stepney, Somerfet County -		60
13	To Porto Batto, Charles County -	-	30
14	To St Peter's, Talbot County	-	15
	To St Michael's, Talbet County -		13
16	To All Faith's, Calvert County -	-	II
17	To Nanjenny, Charles County		10
18	To Piscatoway, Charles County -	47	10
19	To Broadneck Ann Arundel	-	10
20	To St John's Baltimore		10
21	To St George's Baltimore	_	10
22	To Kent Island — — — —	-	10
	To Dorchester, Dorchester County	-	10
24	To Snowbill, Somerset County	-	10
25	To South Saffafras County — —	_	10
26	To St Paul's Kent County — —	-	30
27	To William and Mary, Charles County	-	26
	To Somerset, Somerset County — —	-	20
29	To St Paul's, Talbot County	->	- 25
30	To Coventry, Somerset County -	-	25
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#### II. Into VIRGINIA,

	11. Into VIRGINIA.	
İ	To the College in Virginia, Books to the	
	Value of 50l.	
2	To the several Parishes of the Province, to lay the Foundation of Libraries	100
3	Manicanton on James River —	38
3	III. Into the Government of New York.	30
I	To Boston in New England	221
2	To Noga Youk	211
3	To Amboy in New Jersey	30
4	To Albany	10
	IV. Into PENSYLVANIA.	
	To Philadelphia	327
	V. Into BURMUDAS.	5-1
+ 1	To St George Tribe 1	138
5	To Devonsbire Tribe	115
2	To Southampton Tribe	
3 1	VI. Into CAROLINA.	34
	To Charles Town	225
	VII. Into JAMAICA.	223
12	To Port Royal	20
1	To St Andrews	29
	VIII. Into BARBADOES.	-1
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	To Old Road, Books to the Value of 221.	
2	Into Antigua, Books to the Value of 1101.	
	Into Mevis, Books to the Value of 31.	
	I. Into Monserratt, — — — —	30
	II. To Cape Corfo Castle in Africa, Books to	mal.
VI	the Value of 331.  V. To Bryon in the Fast Indies Rooks to	
	V. To BENGAL in the East Indies, Books to the Value of 501.	
XI	V. Bona Vista in Newfoundland, — —	50
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## Parochial Libraries founded by Dr BRAY in England and Wales.

#### In the Province of CANTERBURY.

Diocese.	Counties.	Towns. No of Bo	oks.
Canter-	\ Kent	Preston	67
bury	Kent	Debtling	72
	London	St Botolph, Aldgate	1
London	{ Essex	Newport	72
	Montgomeryshire	Darrowen	68
0 16-1	) Caernarvonshire	Eglwys Rhos	72
St Asaph	Denbyshire	Llantisilio	1
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Bangor	Caernarvonshire	Pwlheli	67
	[ Somersetshire	Kilmersdon	
Bath and	Somersetshire	Corston	72 67
Wells	Somersetsbire	Storvey	
Briftol	Dorsetshire	Dorchester	67
C. D 11	( Cardigan Price	Lanbadernvaur	72
St David'	S Pembrokeshire	Prendergast	72
Ely	Cambridgeshire	Dullingham	72
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Exeter	2 Devonshire	Slapton	72
	Devonshire	Kingsbridge	72
	(Gloucestershire	Flaxley	72
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	(Gloucestershire	Brockthorpe	72
Handon	\ Herefordshire	Weobly.	67
Hereford	Monmouthshire	Monmouth	72
	( Monmouthshire	Trevethin	72
Landaff	2 Monmouthshire	Newport	72
	( Monmouthshire	Chepstow.	72
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In justice to the Memory of Dr Bray's indefatigable Zeal to promote the Knowledge of true Religion, it is proper to observe that besides founding the above mentioned Libraries, he sent into America upwards of Thirty four Thousand Religious Books and Tracts, to be dispersed among the Inhabitants; and also founded Sixty seven Lending Catechetical Libraries in England and Wales, and Sixteen in the Isle of Man.

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#### Nº I.

Last Year the Associates established a Lending Library at Cockermouth in Cumberland, for the Use of the neighbouring Clergy, from whom they received the following Letter.

#### GENTLEMEN,

W E beg Leave to make our most grateful Acknowledgments for Your Valuable Present of the Lending Library, that came safe to the Hands of the Reverend Mr Fisher, and is fixed in a commodious Room over the Grammar School at Cockermouth, agreeable to the Recommendation of

the worthy Mr James Collinson of Luncaster.

There is a promising Expectation that this Library will be an increasing Stock. — We have the Pleasure to acquaint You that the good Bishop of Chester hath sent Us a Number of select Commentaries on the Scriptures, &c. for the Benefit of young Students in Divinity, and has kindly intimated that his Lordship will add further Supplies; — and hath likewise given Orders that They are to be incorporated and under the same Regulation with the Library sent by the Associates of the late Dr Bray.

That your excellent Charity which has for its Object the promoting of Christian Knowledge, and the eternal Salvation of immortal Souls may meet with all due Encouragement, - and that the Rich and Good may, by their generous Contributions, in

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Money or Books, enable the Associates to profecute their pious Intentions in the most extensive Manner, is the sincere Wish of,

#### GENTLEMEN,

Cockermouth, Cumberland, May 25, 1762.

Your much obliged, and very humble Servants,

Daniel Fisher, Rector of Bolton. William Thomas Addison, Rector of Workington. Miles Tam, Rector of Dean. Toleph Dixon, Vicar of Brigham. Thomas Fisher, Curate of Sorton. John Waite, Ufher at the Grammar School, Cockermouth. William Wilson, Schoolmaster at Dean. Thomas Bland, Curate of Secmurthy. John Bell, Vicar of Bridekirk. Tofeph Sim, Curate of Torpenhoav. William Taylor, Curate of Caldbeck. Thomas Wilson Minister of Allonby. Cuthbert Gafkarth, Curate of Bolton. Robert Barns, Curate of Camerton. William Walker, Vicar of Gilcrux. William Brown, Master of the Grammar School at Dovenby. William Bulman, Schoolmaster at Bromsield. George Mackreth, Schoolmaster at Workington. John Ritson, Curate of Clifton.

A worthy Correspondent at Cockermouth says in a Letter dated April 7, 1763. "The Collection of Books You sent hither, I hope, will be attended with great Benefit to the Clergy and their Congregations; about Fifteen Clergymen and School-masters have borrowed and returned above One Hundred Books, and several Clergymen at ten Miles distance have the Benefit of this Library.

Richard Harrison, Curate of Thinby.

Last Year a considerable Addition was made to a Parochial Library founded in the Year 1757, in St Thomas Parish, Orange County, Virginia; and a Collection of Books was also sent to the Reverend Mr Boucher, to sound a Parochial Library in King George County in the same Province.

#### Lending Libraries founded by the Associates.

In the Year.	Towns.	Counties.	Diocefe.	No of Books.
1753	Ulverstone	Lancashire	Chester	1204
1757	Carleon	Monmouthshire		
1757	Old Hutton School	Westmoreland	Chester	392
1758	Bampton School	Westmoreland	Chester	363
	Landaff	Glamorganshire	Landaff	188
1762	Cockermouth	Cumberland	Chefter	180

#### Parochial Libraries founded by the Associates.

1757	Woodplumpton	Lancashire	Chefter 1	49
1757	Stavely	Lancashire	Chester	33
1757	Dalton	Lancashire	Chefter	38
1757	Lowick	Lancashire	Chefter	42
1757	Ellel	Lancashire	Chefter	47
1757	Admarsh	Lancashire	Chester	29
1757	Poolton	Lancashire	Chester	39
1757	Silverdale	Lancashire	Chester	38
1757	Thwaites	Cumberland	Chester	35
1757	Ingleton	Yorkshire	Chester	45
1757	Ashrigg	Yorksbire	Chefter	43
1757	Waberthwaite	Cumberland	Chefter	37
1757	Wythorp	Cumberland	Chefter	41
1757	Secmurthy	Cumberland	Chefter	38
1757	Selfide	Westmoreland	Chefter	36
1757	Crook	Westmoreland	Chester	26
1757	St Thomas Paris	h Orange Count	y Virginia	CG.
1760		Salop	Hereford	105
1761	Ravenstondale	Westmoreland	Chefter	18
1761	Mollerstang	Westmoreland	Chester	16

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1761	Croscrake	Westmereland	Chester	1 22
1761	Pilling	Lancashire	Chefter	22
1761	Greffingham	Lancashire	Chester	20
1761	Lindale	Lancashire	Chester	22
1761	Bolton by the San	ds Lancashire	Chester	20
1761	Hoole	Lancashire	Chester	18
1761	Littledale	Lancashire	Chefter	23
1761	Leck	Lancashire	Chester	31
1761	Cockerbam	Lancashire	Chester	15
1761	Ulpha	Cumberland	Chester	26
1761	Arkengathdale	Yorksbire	York	18
1761	South Cowton	Yorkshire	York	29
1761	Trinity Chapel	Richmond	York	18
1761	Woodbridge	New Jersey	America	50
1762	King George Co	ounty Virginia	ein Fra	

To most of the above Parochial Libraries the Executors of the late Dr Stratford were very generous Contributors, who are hereby desired to accept of the Thanks of the Associates.

A worthy Correspondent who had the Care of fixing most of these Libraries, and whose Situation enables him to judge of their Expedience and Utility, says in a Letter dated April 12, 1762;

"I flatter myself that I already see some Alteration for the better by this large Disposition of use-

"ful Books, and that it has been of real Service in

these remote Parts, and doubt not but these Books

" will be of lasting Use and Advantage, and answer

"the good and charitable Purpose intended."

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se the Progress then have made,

#### Nº II.

Last Year the Associates received the following Accounts from their Correspondents in America.

#### NEW YORK.

May 18, 1762, informs us, That fince he wrote last the School has been completely full, and so continues; Two or Three of the old Ones, being grown up, and well instructed, have lest it, and others have supplied their Place. Such is the Repute the School is now in, that no sooner is there a Vacancy but several Candidates offer. As to the Improvement of the Children in Spelling, Reading, Sewing, &c. it is as great as can be expected. They constantly attend divine Service on the Lord's Day. When catechised, they answer extremely well, and are likely to prove an Ornament to our most holy Religion.

In another Letter, dated October 18, 1762, after he has given an Account of the flourishing Condition of the School, the Proficiency of the Scholars, and the Care and Diligence of the Mistress, he adds, that Seven had left the School, and Seven new ones had been received in their Stead. That as most of them are perfect in their Prayers and Catechism, he purposed beginning Lewis's Exposition with some of them, and also to have them instructed in Psalmody; in both which he makes no doubt but they will soon become Proficients: and that it gives him great Pleasure to observe the Progress they have made, which is equal to what the most sanguine Friend to the Undertaking could expect for the Time.

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#### RHODE ISLAND

The Reverend Mr Marmaduke Brown, Minister of Newport, saith in a Letter dated November 29, 1762, that he had agreed with a Mistress to instruct Thirty young Negroes for 20 f. Sterling a Year. She is a fober, well disposed Woman, sufficiently qualified for the Business she undertakes: since the opening of the School, which was in October, twenty one Children have been admitted, and he hopes in a little Time to have the Number completed. The Shortness of the Time, he observes, doth not allow of any confiderable Progress being made by the Scholars, but he can already discover some good Effects in the Manners and Behaviour of the Children; and adds, "You may depend on my Readi-" ness to comply with every Thing requested of me " by the Associates; and I do really consider it as " an happy Circumstance, that by their Means I " may become more useful in enlightning the poor " Negroes than I otherwise could be."

#### VIRGINIA.

Robert Carter Nicholas, Esq; of Williamsburgh, in a Letter dated June 23, 1762, writes, "I have had " the Number of Children augmented to 30, as you " defired; the Mistress is very diligent, and I am in " Hopes we shall be able to give You soon an agree-" able Account of the Progress they make under her "Care." And by another Letter dated September 30, 1762, and figned by Robert C. Nicholas, Esq; and the Reverend Mr Yates, we are informed, that the School at Williamsburgh is full, containing 30 Children: - That at a late Visitation they were pretty much pleased with the Scholars Performances, as they rather exceeded their Expectations. And we have the Pleasure to hope, that from these small Beginnings they will foon advance to great Proficiencies, D 2

worthy and judicious Inspectors, who have drawn up a Set of excellent Rules for their Government and Instruction, which hereafter we may think fit to publish, for the Use of such Schools in other Parts

of America.

The Reverend Mr Rhonnald, Minister of Norfolk, to whom Proposals were sent last Year for establishing a Negroe School in that Borough, in a Letter dated September 27, 1762, says, he thinks it impossible to find a Person duly qualified to teach 30 Negroes for £20 Sterling a Year, (the Stipend allowed by the Associates) and therefore he forbore proceeding until he received further Instructions. He offers to subscribe annually 5l. Currency towards the Support of this pious Design; but even this Addition will, he says, be far from sufficient. The Associates therefore have for the Present postponed their

Defign of having a School at Norfolk.

The Reverend Mr Boucher, of King George County, in a Letter dated December 31, 1762, says, he finds it impracticable to comply with the Defires of the Affociates by opening a School in any Part of his Parish, by reason that the Inhabitants live at such great Distances from each other, that he knows not a Place in his whole Parish where he could fix a Mistress within 5 or 6 Miles of 30, or even of 20 Children of a proper Age to be admitted. However, he shall do his utmost to promote the spiritual Welfare of the poor Negroes in his Parish. He fays he had baptized upwards of 100 Negroe Children, and between 30 and 40 Adults, in less than fix Months. He returns his fincerest Thanks to the Associates for their Present of a Box of Books towards a Parochial Library, which will be of great Service to him and his Successors.

It would be Injustice not to mention, that Mr Boucher generously offered to subscribe £5 Sterling annually,

annually, towards the Support of a Negroe School in his Parith.

#### PENSYLVANIA.

The Reverend Mr Sturgeon, in a Letter dated May, 1762, fays, "The Negroe School at Philadelphia" goes on very well; the Mistress is very careful and diligent, and the Children make suitable Improvements in Reading, their Catechism, &c."

## NORTH CAROLINA.

The Reverend Mr Stewart, of Bath Town, in a Letter dated August 12, 1762, fays, The Design of having a Negroe School in his Parish was very favourably received by the Inhabitants in general, many of whom promised to be Encouragers of this useful Institution. He is fearful he shall scarce be able to conform to the Plan of the Affociates, by reason of the dispersed Situation of the Inhabitants: however, when he hath found out a proper Mistress, he will endeavour to have as confiderable a Number of Children fent to School as the Place will afford. He is of opinion that the good End proposed would be more readily attained, were the Salary allowed, divided among three or four School-masters, one at Bath, and the others in the Country; by this Means 30 or 40 Children might easily be instructed. The Schoolmasters he would recommend are such as keep public Schools for white Children, to whom it would be great Encouragement to have this small Bounty from the Affociates. This Scheme being approved of, it hath been referred to Mr Stewart to proceed upon this or any other Plan which may best effect the good End proposed.

Wilmington, in this Province, having been recommended as a Place very proper for a School, on Account of the considerable Number of Negroes there, there, the Affociates have this Year directed Propofals to be fent for opening a School there for 30 black Children, and hope the Design will be favour-

ably received and judiciously conducted.

We suppose it is owing to the great Uncertainty of Correspondence in Time of War, that no Anfwers have been returned to Proposals for Negroe Schools fent last Year to York Town, Virginia, and to Annapolis and Chefter in Maryland; however, notwithstanding this and various other Impediments, which have retarded, not to fay in some Places prevented the Profecution of this good Work; we have the Satisfaction to inform the Public, that, through God's Bleffing, FIVE Schools for the Instruction of young Slaves are already instituted, in which, according to our Plan, One Hundred and Fifty Children are instructed in the Principles and Duties of our holy Religion; and as our chief View is to imprint deeply on tender Minds right Principles of Action, and to fow the good Seed of the Word of God in their Hearts, we hope and pray that God of his Mercy will pour upon them the continual Dew of his Bleffing, that the Seed fown may in due Time bring forth a plentiful Harvest, that the Lives and Practice of these poor Slaves may in their mature Age, be correspondent to the Principles in which they are now instructed, that they may prove industrious faithful Slaves, pious and exemplary Christians, and become happy Instruments of converting their Brethren.

#### Negroe Schools supported by the Associates.

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## ASSOCIATES,

For making Provision for PARGCHIAL LIBRA-RIES, and for instructing the NEGROES in the British Plantations.

THE Honourable James Oglethorpe, Lieutenant General.

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Robert More, Efq;

George Heathcoate, Esq;

Mr Adam Anderson.

Reverend Dr Burton, Fellow of Eton College.

Reverend Dr Thomas Wilson, Prebendary of West-minster.

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Mr Joshua Readshaw, Austin-friars.

Mr John Moore, Spitalfields.

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Reverend William Worthington, D. D.

Mr James Collinson, Lancaster.

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The Associates Office is at Mr Bird's, Bookfeller, in Ave-Mary-Lane, where they meet on the First Thursday in every Month, at Eleven o'Clock, for the Dispatch of Business.

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of £9, S. S. Ann. left by the late Rev. Mr Smith, Rector of All-ballows, London-Wall, to be applied to the Instruction of the Negroes, paid by the Rev. Mess. Skinner and Waring,	6	6	2
May 13. A Benefaction of William Denne, Esq; of Marden Ash, by the Reverend Mr Egerton,	2	2	0
Robert Wastefield, Esq; by Peter   Le Keux, Esq; — —	2	2	0
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The Rev. Dr Negus, Rector of St Mary, Rotherbithe, by the Rev. Mr Waring, —	} ,	1	0
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- Casual BENEFACTIONS in BOOKS, from March 4, 1762, to March 3, 1763.
- 12 Copies of Thirty Lectures on The Principles of the Christian Religion, by Joseph Parsons, M. A. A Present from the Author.
- 12 Copies of Philotheus, from Mr Dod, Bookseller.
- 10 Copies of the Rev. Dr Berriman's Sermons at Boyle's Lectures, from the Rev. Mr Berriman.
- 10 Copies of a Third Volume of Sermons by the late Reverend Dr Berriman, from the Reverend Mr Berriman.
- 50 Copies of a Sermon On the Use, Value and Improvement of various Readings, by William Worthington, D. D. a Present from the Author.
- The Associates hereby desire all the foregoing Benefactors to accept of their most hearty Thanks.



RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS of the ASSOCIATES for making Provision for PAROCHIAL LIBRARIES, and for instructing the Negroes, from March 4, 1762, to March 3, 1763.

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# PAYMENTS.

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ALL fuch Persons as are disposed to encourage either of these charitable Designs, are humbly desired to pay or remit their several Contributions from Time to Time to

Sir Joseph Hankey and Co. Bankers, Fenchurch-street. Messieurs Hoare and Co. Bankers, Fleet-street. Messieurs Drummonds, Bankers, Charing-Cross.

To be placed to the Account of the Reverend J. Waring, and Peter Le Keux, Esq;

Or to any of the undernamed Associates.

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BOOKS may be fent to the Affociates Store Room at Mr BIRD's, the Angel and Bible, in Ave-Mary-Lane, near St Paul's.

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The proper FORM by which any BENE-FACTION may be given to the Designs of the Associates, to prevent any Doubt or Mistake.

ITEM, IA.B. do bereby give and bequeath unto C.D. of and E.F. of the Sum of to be raised and paid by and out of all my Ready Money, Plate, Goods, and personal Essets, which by Law I may or can charge with the Payment of the same (and not out of any Part of my Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments;) upon Trust, and to the Intent, that they, or either of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer of a Society commonly called Doctor Bray's Associates, which said Sum of I desire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Designs of the said Associates.

If the Benefactor is pleased to limit his Charity to either of their Designs in particular, he may add, For founding Libraries, or For the Instruction of the Negroes in the British Plantations.

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